CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



WELCOME!

We are glad you are with us today as we worship God and receive Christ's presence given to us in the sacrament of bread and wine. This service is offered by livestream to those who cannot assemble with us. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY JANUARY 12, 2025 10:30 AM BAPTISM & HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Voluntary *Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Epiphanie*

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand, as able, and sing

Entrance Hymn 454 Jesus Came, Adored by Angels

(blue) Hymnal 1982

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit.
 People There is one hope in God's call to us;
 Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him

your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior;

who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated for

The First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my

sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

Psalm 29:3-5, 7-11 Afferte Domino

Chant: Peter R. Hallock (1924-2014)

The refrain is sung first by the Cantor, repeated by all, then together as appointed.



Refrain:

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor. Refrain

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. Refrain

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the Lord all are crying, "Glory!" Refrain

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. *Refrain*

The Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

At the conclusion the People respond, "Thanks be to God."

Please stand and sing

Gradual Hymn 120 The Sinless One to Jordan Came

Hymnal 1982

The Gospel is carried to the congregation so that we remember it is our Good News to hear and to share.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Once the Book of Gospels has returned to its place of honor, the People may be seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Homily Michael Kurth

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

(red) Book of Common Prayer 301

The candidates are presented by sponsors, parents, and godparents, who make promises in their own names and also take vows on behalf of their candidates.

The Celebrant then addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in

Christ?

People We will.

Please stand for

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal

covenant.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in

the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the

Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human

being?

People I will, with God's help.

The Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen*.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

BCP 306

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Please be seated for

The Baptism and Anointing

Water is poured upon the head of the candidates, symbolizing the inward cleansing from sin in the name of the Trinity. Then the oil of Chrism is marked upon the head, symbolizing the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. These outward actions make the candidates new Christians, inwardly and spiritually. A candle is given, symbolizing Christ's light now shining in this new life. At the conclusion of these actions, the congregation stands to pray.

People Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace.

Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.

Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

The Welcoming

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified,

proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Please stand for

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory and Preparation of the Table

Being seated, we begin with a time of offering. Today, part of our offering is a collection of items to be donated to the Clothing Bank of Delaware. Giving money is a sign that our life serves God's purposes and expresses our gratitude for God's many blessings. The ushers will receive the offering and present it on our behalf. Also, you may give online or text a contribution to (302) 244-5368. For those who give electronically, a card is available in the pews to participate in the act of offering. Newcomers and guests may place the welcome card in the offering plate.

Anthem

William Bradley Roberts (b. 1947)

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came, as peaceful as a dove, and yet as urgent as a flame.

God called you, "My beloved Son"; you are God's servant true, sent to proclaim the reign of heaven, God's holy will to do.

Straight-way and steadfast until death you then obeyed the call to serve with free and willing heart, to give your life for all.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord; your cross on us be signed, that likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find.

Please stand and sing

Presentation Hymn 380, v. 3 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymnal 1982

The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

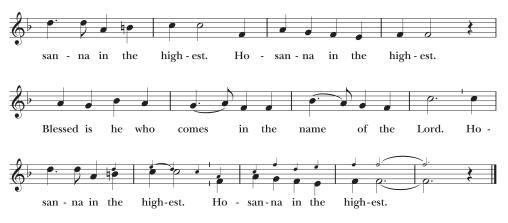
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our praise in the ancient song of the Sanctus.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:







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The Celebrant continues the prayer, inviting our acclamation of Christ's sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection, saying Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues the prayer, concluding

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Celebrant invites the People to say the prayer Jesus taught his first disciples.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We sing the anthem at the breaking of the bread, which is Christ's Body, broken for us. Please be seated after the sacrament is presented.



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

All are welcome to receive the sacrament of Christ or a blessing. Come up the center aisle and take your place along the altar rail, kneeling or standing. If you desire a blessing, cross your arms over your chest to indicate your intent. Receive the host in open hands. Gluten-free host is available; let the clergy know your need when they approach you. When you are presented with the cup, drink from it or dip the bread carefully into the cup and consume in both kinds together. If you do not wish to receive the cup, please cross your arms to indicate your intent, but wait for the minister to pass you before you leave the rail. Please use the side aisle to return to your pew. If you are unable to come forward, ask an usher to let the clergy know, and communion will be brought to you.

Communion Hymn 294 Baptized in Water

Hymnal 1982

Please stand for

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant In thanksgiving, let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us

as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Celebrant blesses the People.

People Amen.

All sing

Hymn in Procession 616 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hymnal 1982

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary Improvisation on *Old Hundredth*

Please take your bulletin with you or return it to the table in the narthex as you leave.

We are sent forth to be Christ's blessing in the world. Our prayer is that today's worship has encouraged you in love, strengthened you for service, and filled you with light. We look forward to your presence again in worship, in service to others, in learning and fellowship.

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTIANA HUNDRED



JANUARY 12, 2025

IN THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

THIS WEEK WE LIFT UP...

THE WORK OF OUR ALTAR GUILD. Liturgy begins and ends with the work of the Altar Guild. To care for the sacred vessels, the bread, wine, and candles, along with the linens, frontals, and hangings used for worship in the Church and Chapel is far more than a task—it is a true ministry. Serving on the Altar Guild is a way to share your talents to the glory of God. Altar Guild members are assigned to a team, and each team serves in rotation throughout the year. The group welcomes new members, and training sessions are offered. For more information or to join this ministry, please contact <u>Kim Nelkin</u> or call the parish office at (302) 655-3379.

BAPTIZED AT TODAY'S 10:30 AM SERVICE

James Hompe Kiernan Amin, son of Nilpesh Amin and Emily Kiernan Rowan Maria Colicchio and Skylar Lisa Colicchio, daughters of Nicholas and Emily Colicchio Nicholas Grant du Pont Hyland, son of Samuel and Alyssa Hyland Cory James Ross, son of Shane and Julianne Ross Sarah Saxberg Turner

JANUARY CLOTHING DRIVE

During January, we are collecting blankets, clothing, boots, and shoes for men, women, children, and infants for the Clothing Bank of Delaware. Please bring items in tied trash bags weighing no more than 15 pounds each, and place blanket donations in separate bags. All items may be left in the back of the Church or in the collection bin in the circle drive entrance to the Parish Center at any time during the month. Items brought to worship today, January 12, will be presented during the Offering at the 10:30 AM service.

JOIN OUR INVITATION WORKSHOP – JANUARY 15

Did you know that 66% of Americans say they would accept an invitation to join a friend or family member at church? The challenge for us is building our courage and skills to make that invitation. To help, Christ Church parishioners are invited to join members of our Invite Welcome Connect Team this Wednesday, January 15, at 6 PM for an Invitation Workshop in Parish Hall C. Together, we will discover our own story of knowing God's love and will learn tactics for listening to others' stories and inviting them into life at Christ Church. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP for this special offering here.

CARD-MAKING WORKSHOP – JANUARY 16

Now is the time to check off a New Year's resolution and clear out your stockpile of old greeting cards and paper products! Have fun and get creative as we start the New Year with a card-making workshop with artist Leslie Davis Guccione. Join in this Thursday, January 16, from 9 to 11 AM in Parish Hall A as she gives us tips on repurposing old cards, paper, and materials in our homes to create all-occasion cards to use throughout the year. Please RSVP here.

NEW THEOLOGY SMALL GROUP WELCOMES MEMBERS - JANUARY 16

A newly-formed small group meets every other Thursday in the Commons Room from 5:30 to 6:30 PM and explores theological writings from the earliest days of the Church up to the present. Topics include the doctrine of the Trinity, grace, salvation, and age-old questions such as: Why does suffering exist? Is evil merely the absence of good? and How much free will do we have? The conversation and company are lively, and no prior understanding of theology is needed. Questions? Contact the group's leader, Christopher Scott. New members are welcome this Thursday, January 16.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT LUTHERAN COMMUNITY SERVICES – JANUARY 17

Following last year's 175th Anniversary Service Project with Lutheran Community Services, our partnership with them continues this year as we offer monthly opportunities to pack grocery bags of healthy foods and distribute them to the cars of program participants. Click <u>here</u> to sign up for a shift on third Fridays of the month.

SATURDAY SERVICE & FELLOWSHIP - JANUARY 18

Every Saturday, a contemporary service of Holy Eucharist is held at 5 PM in the Chapel. On Saturday, January 18, all are welcome to join us for this service and for fellowship in Parish Hall C afterward from 6 to 7 PM. Please bring either an appetizer or dessert to share. Nonalcoholic beverages will be provided; you are welcome to bring beer or wine. Contact Melinda Ryan (302-540-8951), Sarah Brown (302-521-9739), or Andrea Zimmerman (302-540-4736) with questions or offers of assistance to set up or clean up. Invite a friend to join you for this "come as you are" service and get to know others who attend our Saturday worship.

ALL AGES FELLOWSHIP: QUIET ACTS OF KINDNESS – JANUARY 19

Next Sunday, January 19, from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in the Parish Halls, our Outreach Committee hosts an expanded Coffee & Community. We'll gather for food, fellowship, and a fun hands-on service project where all are invited to make Valentine's Day cards for shut-in senior citizen clients of Lutheran Community Services. This is a great activity to do with your friends and family, and it's a way to make connections across the generations. No faith formation classes will be held at this time so all ages can participate.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING - JANUARY 19

Christ Church's Grief Support Group meets next Sunday, January 19, at 12 PM. Those who have experienced the loss of a loved one and are moving through the grief process are encouraged to attend either in person in the Commons Room or online. Click here for the Zoom link.

EPIPHANY LESSONS & CAROLS - JANUARY 19

Services of Lessons & Carols focus on the story of God's actions in the world for each season of the Church year. Epiphany is a multifaceted season where we see the young Christ Jesus in the manger, being presented in the Temple, being baptized, shining forth as the light of the world, and ultimately revealing his glory in dazzling brightness on the holy mountain. Join us next Sunday, January 19, at 4 PM in the Chapel as we hear and celebrate these stories of Epiphany with music by Malcolm Archer, Philip Moore, John Tavener, Felix Mendelssohn, and Philip Ledger, led by the Christ Church Choir.

NEWCOMERS: BELONG – JANUARY 22, 29, FEBRUARY 5, & 12

Those new to Christ Church are invited to join in a 4-part series called Belong on Wednesdays, January 22, 29, February 5, and 12. Evenings begin with a shared meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by the class from 7 to 8 PM in the Commons Room. Participants will make connections with other new people, learn about Christ Church, and find places of belonging here. Click here to RSVP for the series.

ADULT FORMATION: WORD INTO LIFE - JANUARY 22, 29, FEBRUARY 5, & 12

Join the Rev. David Beresford on Wednesdays, January 22, 29, February 5, and 12, for a 4-part series titled "Word into Life." This will be an opportunity to reflect upon and discuss the sermon from the previous Sunday. Written copies of each sermon, along with starter questions, will be made available prior to each session. Evenings begin with a shared meal at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall, followed by conversation from 7 to 8 PM and concluding with Compline. Click here to RSVP.

TWO FAMILY PROMISE OPPORTUNITIES - WEEKS OF FEBRUARY 2 & APRIL 27

Christ Church has the honor of hosting families from the Family Promise Network during the weeks of February 2-8 and April 27-May 3, when members of our congregation provide meals, assistance, and a friendly face to those in need. Families stay overnight at Family Promise's campus on Milltown Road in Wilmington, and volunteers are needed to prepare, serve, and clean up dinner there for up to five families each evening. Through Family Promise, families receive daily case management support from professional staff in their search for gainful employment and sustainable housing. Click here for information and to volunteer.

2025 FUNDING APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Outreach Committee has begun its 2025 funding cycle. Each year, Christ Church provides funding to nonprofit agencies that feed, clothe, house, educate, and advocate for our neighbors in need. Those who work with nonprofit agencies may download an application here. Completed applications are due by Friday, January 31.

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR MLK VOICE 4 YOUTH

MLK Voice 4 Youth provides a platform for young people in grades 7-12 to speak out on issues important to them, reflecting MLK's commitment to social change and justice. Students choose from 150 American activists spanning different causes and eras to develop their message for change and compete on February 9, 2025 for the first place prize of \$2,000. For more information and to register by January 15, click here.

HAVE YOU PLEDGED FOR 2025?

Thank you to the 381 households that have made a financial pledge to Christ Church for 2025! Christ Church is a place for inspiration, celebration, sharing, service, and worship where all are welcome, and your gift to God makes this place possible. We rely on contributions and pledges like yours as our primary source of income to support our ministries as we care for our parish family and serve the community around us. Please join us in making your pledge, and know that wherever you are on your spiritual journey, there is a place for you here. Click here to give online, make a pledge, and for instructions on giving a gift of stock.

WEAR YOUR CHRIST CHURCH NAME TAG

Please help us build community as we get to know fellow parishioners and newcomers by wearing your Christ Church name tag when you come to church. Tags may be ordered <u>here</u> or by calling the parish office at (302) 655-3379. Tags are hard plastic with a magnetic clip, and donations are welcome to offset the \$8 cost to the church.

HEARING LOOP SYSTEM

Our nave is equipped with a hearing loop system that provides clean, clear sound without a headset and transmits sound from our microphones directly into hearing aids and cochlear implants with telecoils of those in the pews. If you have hearing loss but no telecoil device, please ask an usher for a loop receiver.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Doris Elise du Pont, Margaret Silliman Easton, Caroline Silliman Walker Mariana du Pont and Henry Harper Silliman Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Christ Church welcomes you into a loving and joyful community that serves others and seeks to grow deeper in relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

NEW HERE? Scan the QR code to let us know or complete the card in the pews and place it in the offering plate.



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